

Application No.: 10/738,447

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REMARKS

Claims 1-37 are pending.

Election/Restriction Requirement

Claims 1-37 stand restricted under 35 USC § 121 as follows:

- I. Claims 1-20, said to be drawn to substrate drying, classified in Class 34, subclass 77; and
- II. Claims 21-37, said to be drawn to ceramic fiber composite, classified in Class 501, subclass 95.1.

The Patent Office asserts that the Inventions of Group I and Group II are related as process and apparatus for its practice.

Election

Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-20, with traverse. Applicants submit that the claims of Group II do not relate to an apparatus for carrying out the process of Group I as asserted by the Patent Office. For example, it is submitted that the claims of Group II are drawn to a ceramic fiber composite (claims 21-30) or to a burner comprising a ceramic fiber composite (claims 31-37).

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicants have elected Group I. Continued prosecution of this application is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the indicated telephone number with questions that can be resolved with a simple teleconference.

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